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A multi-color printer.

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Mehrfarbendrucker.

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Abstract (en)

A multi-color printer disclosed here includes a means for holding/releasing an ink ribbon (23) provided on a carriage (10) for carrying a recording head (9), and two ribbon spools (24, 25) of a ribbon cassette (22) mounted on a printer body constructed to transmit unidirectional turning force of a spacing motor for moving said carriage. With such arrangement, the multi-color printer serves, when recording, to do it while drawing out an ink ribbon from one of the ribbon spools during the time the carriage moves to its turning-back position; serves, with the carriage returned to its turning-back position, to hold the ink ribbon; and further serves, upon returning the carriage to its initial position, to rotate the two ribbon spools for winding the ink ribbon.

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